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Applicants: Vale et al.  
Application No.: 09/502,664  
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Title: METHOD OF AFFINITY PURIFYING PROTEINS USING MODIFIED  
BIS-ARSENICAL FLUORESCEN

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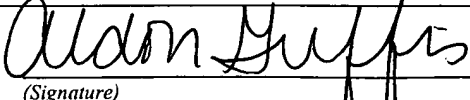
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.312**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed June 2, 2004, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and entry of the following amendments to the subject application prior to payment of the issue fee which is due September 2, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.312, please amend the subject application as follows:

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, <b>August 27, 2004</b> , in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop ISSUE FEE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
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**Priority Acknowledgment**

Applicants note that the claim for domestic priority under 35 USC §§ 119(e) is not indicated on the Official Filing Receipt. Pursuant to 35 USC § 120, U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/502,664 claims the benefit under 35 USC § 119(e) to U.S. Application Serial No. 60/178,054 filed January 24, 2000, now abandoned. Please take whatever action is necessary to ensure that the proper priority information is included when a patent based on this application issues.